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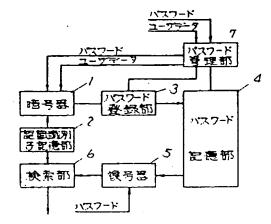
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TITLE

**AUTHENTICATION DEVICE FOR USER** 



ABSTRACT :

PURPOSE: To enable a user to receive his/her authentication just with input of a password by enciphering and storing user data including an authentication identifier with the password used as a cipher key.

CONSTITUTION: When a user registers a password, a cipher device 1 ciphers the user data including at least a confirmation identifier with an input password used as a cipher key. A password memory part 4 stores plural pieces of such enciphered user data. When the user is authenticated, a decoder 5 decodes plural enciphered user data stored in the part 4 with an input password used as a cipher key. At the same time, a retrieving part 6 retrieves the user data including the authentication identifier out of plural ones, i.e., the outputs of the decoder 5 and outputs this retrieving result as the user authentication information. Thus the user can be authenticated just with the input of a password.

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